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Wakefield Bids For 2 In Row

Wakefield High School is trying to make it two in a row tonight as the Warriors entertain the George Washington High junior varsity in a 7:00 p.m. battle that is to be followed by a contest between the Presidents' varsity and Mt. Vernon.

Coach Bob Funesti is bringing a tall and rough squad down to try to break up the Warriors' attempt to regain their winning stride tonight and the Little Presidents' mentor appears enthusiastic about his club's hope for success.

George Washington's Jayvee employs two big pivot men under the basket to assume control of rebounds in Ken Barrett and John Welch, both 6 feet and 4 inches tall. Barrett averages ten points per game while Welch is usually good for 12.

Ralph Price is the Little Presidents' chief set shot man and he usually confines himself to hit-

ting from the outside. Ralph slaps in an average of 10 markers each game.

Funesti announced that "if my boys can put together a game like they did against Washington-Lee's Junior Varsity we can take them (Wakefield)."

In an early season encounter with Funesti's boys, Wakefield came from behind a 5 point half-time deficit to subdue the Alexandrians by a 47-31 count. But last Friday afternoon the Little Presidents suddenly got hot during the snow storm and slaughtered Washington-Lee's Junior Varsity by a fat 62-39 margin. Earlier in the year the Funestimen fell before the Little Generals 61-49.

With his vastly improved ball club Funesti hopes to avenge his loss to the Warriors despite the absence of his leading scorer, George Stewart, who is expected to remain out of action for the rest of the year.

Funesti plans to use Bucky Poole, a lad who stands over six feet tall, as his outside man although he can drive under with lay-up shots as well.

Coach Robbie Robinson of Wakefield is expected to uncover John Gibson for the first time since last December when he suffered a broken ankle. Gibson has been working out for some time but it has taken a while to recover form after several months off the boards.

Wakefield is expected to use about the same ammunition the Warriors have employed all year in tonight's fracas with Henry Mayo, Steve Holderness, Warren Watson and Don Richards all going into the local lineup.

NOTES: George Washington's Jayvee might have lost their number one scorer two weeks ago, but that didn't stop the Little Presidents from spanking the Little Generals by 22 points last Friday. Earlier in the year, with George Stewart in the lineup, the Little Presidents were defeated by the Little Generals by a tremendous 61-49 edge. That's a lot of improvement.